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SUBJECT: KENYA ELECTIONS: ELECTORAL COMMISSION CHAIR: "THE PEOPLE ARE ON MY SIDE"

REF: NAIROBI 4411 AND PREVIOUS

Classified By: PolCouns Andre for reasons 1.4 B & D.

¶1. (C) Summary: ECK Chairman Kivuitu expressed to the Ambassador his determination to perform his function in a neutral, professional manner, him favor one party over the others. He sees the press and "the people" as his allies in this effort. His initial impression of the newest cr

¶2. (C) Chairman of the Electoral Commission of Kenya (ECK) Samuel Kivuitu joined the Ambassador and PolCouns for lunch at a restaurant popul

¶3. (C) On the newly appointed ECK Commissioners: "I do not know them. As they know nothing, all the work falls on me. I need to get them tr happening." Note: The ECK consists of 22 commissioners. As of this date, all but three of the commissioners were appointed unilaterally by th permitted under the law but contravenes an unofficial understanding that an inter-party consultative process would be used to identify commissi this consultative approach when he was an opposition leader, but now chooses to ignore it. End Note.

¶4. (C) On his future: "I met with the President on Tuesday (6 November). He left me with the impression that he intends to re-appoint me, but

¶5. (C) Kivuitu went on to say, "If they make it impossible for me to run a fair election, I will not quietly resign and fade away. No. I wil

¶6. (C) On International Observers: "We absolutely welcome them. The earlier you inform me of who is coming and when the better. We will set

¶7. (C) On a Code of Conduct Signing Event: "We intend to organize such an event once we officially register all candidates. Our authority to

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election."

¶8. Comment: The Ambassador has advocated for Kivuitu's extension with President Kibaki and his advisors. As a 15-year veteran of the ECK, Ki

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